

DESCRIPTIONS OF FOUR NEW SPECIES OF MARINE SHELLS,
PROBABLY FROM CEYLON.

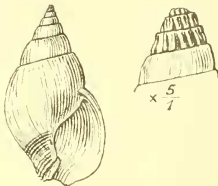
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THE four species about to be described formed part of the collection of the late Mr. Hugh Nevill, and I am strongly of opinion that they were collected in Ceylon, where he resided for many years.

BULLIA CINEREA, n.sp.

Shell ovately fusiform; remaining whorls 8, the first two and a half transversely ribbed, the lower whorls smooth, with the exception of the body-whorl, which is spirally grooved at the base; dull ashen grey, with traces of a pale violet band at the periphery; suture



impressed; peristome varicosely thickened and somewhat dilated at the base; columella descending in a curve; aperture ovate, reddish brown within. Alt. 29, diam. maj. 15.75 mm.; aperture, alt. 13, diam. maj. 6 mm.

Hab.—Ceylon (?).

NASSA NEVILLIANA, n.sp.

Shell ovately fusiform, pale yellowish brown, an indistinct band of darker brown appearing at the suture; remaining whorls 7, trans-



versely ribbed and spirally grooved throughout, giving the shell a beaded appearance, the beading being more noticeable just below

the suture, owing to the spiral grooves being deeper in this region; suture rather deeply impressed; peristome thin and somewhat dilated below; columella straight, a callosity joining it with the lip above; aperture ovate, a row of small denticles appearing inside about 1 millimetre from the edge of the peristome; canal short. Alt. 16·25, diam. maj. 8·75 mm.; aperture, alt. 7, diam. maj. 3 mm.

Hab.—Ceylon (?).

This species appears to be allied to *N. eranea*, Melvill & Standen, from the Persian Gulf,¹ but is a rather larger and coarser shell than that species; moreover, *N. eranea* is much smoother, and does not present the beaded appearance so noticeable in the present species.

MARGINELLA SUBFLAVA, n.sp.

Shell pyriform, solid, cream-coloured; spire obtuse, almost immersed; whorls 3; columella bearing 6 or 7 fine plaits; outer lip somewhat



thickened, finely denticulate within. Alt. 6, diam. maj. 4 mm.; aperture, alt. 5·50, diam. maj. ·75 mm.

Hab.—Ceylon (?).

The specimens examined vary somewhat in size.

Allied to *M. dens*, Reeve, but differs from that species in the finer plaits on the columella, in the much finer denticulations of the outer lip, and in the colouring of the shell, *M. dens* being pure white.

MARGINELLA EBURNEA, n.sp.

Shell narrowly conical, solid, shining, pure white; whorls 4–5; suture rather deeply impressed; columella five-plaited; outer lip



flexuous and denticulate within. Alt. 5, diam. maj. 2·25 mm.; aperture, alt. 3, diam. maj. ·50 mm.

Hab.—Ceylon (?).

¹ Proc. Zool. Soc., vol. ii (1901), p. 410, pl. xxiii, fig. 11.